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Retired priest finally reveals bizarre card game

I played poker with Devil for man's soul — & lost!

A priest claims to have played poker with the Devil himself for the soul of a dying sinner!

"I just did Satan cheated him as sure as I'm standing here today," Father Michel Sentis, 80, told reporters in La Mans, France.

"I knew he cheated but there was nothing I could do or say. Losing that man's soul is a black spot on my life. It is a heartache I will take to my grave."

Father Sentis said the terrifying poker game was played in 1922 but he hasn't had the courage to talk about it until today.

While performing last rites for a man who was known as a

By IRWIN FISHER

wife-beater and womanizer, he continued, the Devil materialized in a corner of the room and screeched: "Get away, priest. He's mine."

"The Lord was with me but I was still scared and shaking," continued the priest. "I lifted the Bible and squeezed the crucifix.

"Then I told Satan to retreat because the man was going to be saved. He didn't like that. He just laughed in my face.

"Then he produced cards out of thin air.

"After that he transformed himself into a Mississippi gambler like one of those you see pictured in books. He said: 'Maybe he's saved. Maybe he's not.

"'The winner will decide.'"

Father Sentis said he had played poker before but never for such high stakes. With trembling fingers he cut the cards and gave them to Satan to deal.

"He wanted to play five card stud and dealt the cards slow as could be," said the priest. "I had three kings and felt sure I would win.

"But when I put my cards on the table the Devil grinned from ear to ear. He hesitated for what seemed like an eternity and then held his hand close to his vest.

"I thought I saw him pull a card from his sleeve. But when I started to say something he slammed his cards to the table and showed me a full house — three aces and two queens — which beat my three kings."

Father Sentis said he didn't have time to protest before the Devil vanished in a burst of smoke and flame.

"When I looked at the man I had been ministering to he was already dead," said the priest.

"I knew then that Satan took that man's soul.

"THE DEVIL is a brave sharpie," agrees Father Michel Sentis, 80. The old priest played poker for the soul of a dying man and lost when Satan pulled a card from his sleeve.

Man stabbed himself to get pity!

A 35-year-old man who was being beaten by two acquaintances stabbed himself twice in the stomach — hoping his assailants would take pity on him and leave!

"But they didn't and continued to beat me," the victim told in a statement read in a Toronto, Canada, court.

Judge Dave Humphrey called it "a very curious situation."

He said the victim seems to have overreacted — because his self-inflicted wounds proved more serious than the injuries he got in the beating.

The judge placed two of the victim's co-workers on three years' probation and ordered them to perform 200 hours of community service work after they pleaded guilty to assault.

Judge Humphrey said 24-year-old Kevin Gatza and 25-year-old Gordon McLaughlin went to the victim's apartment and beat him up because he spread "highly personal" gossip about them.

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A curtain rod goes for $140G!

A rich art collector paid $140,000 for a brass curtain rod with a rubber ball stuck on top — and he says he got a wonderful bargain.

The sculpture, entitled Macedonian Warrior: A Hero of Alexander, was on sale for only 20 minutes before banker Andre de Harcourt, 68, of Paris, snapped it up.

Praising the 4-foot tall Harcourt gushed: "This will be the pride of my collection, because this is art refined, purified and sterilized — a masterwork."

When a reporter pointed out that the sculpture was merely a curtain rod with a child's rubber ball stuck on top of it, de Harcourt bristled.

"Yours is the barbaric comment of the uncultured and uneducated," he fumed. "This only spare, but time, and it encapsulates 2,000-odd years of Western thought and values."

Then pointing to the reporter he added: "You, madam, are an ass."

Sculptor Jean Muret, 27, who created Macedonian Warrior, said the sculpture is the "culmination of six years of research.

"It is the Macedonian spear-man as Alexander saw him," he said. "It is priceless, a masterpiece."

Battered sisters blow away their evil dad with a shotgun!

By JOE BERGER

Terrifying Tommy Thompson was the world's most evil father, a vicious, bellowing brute who beat his daughters senseless and treated them like sex slaves — till the day they grabbed a shotgun and blew him away!

Pitiful sisters June and Hilda Thompson pleaded guilty of manslaughter in Liverpool, England, but a sympathetic judge ordered them freed — saying they'd paid for their crime with years of spine-chilling torture.

"In a sense, you have taken your punishment already," stunned Judge Robert Boreham told the trembling women.

Witnesses said the despicable dad's death ended a reign of terror during which Thompson, 57:

● Forced 36-year-old June and 33-year-old Hilda to have sex with him from their early teens — sometimes while he held a shotgun to their heads.

● Kept his desperate daughters prisoner in their own home, allowing them out only to earn a living in a nearby textile mill.

● Confiscated all but $3 of their weekly wages.

● Posted a daily list of orders on the living room wall, giving the exact time each task was to be performed — even down to the precise moment the curtains should be drawn.

● Beat or kicked the girls and his hapless wife Hilda emotionally anytime they got out of line — which could mean simply scraping a stick of margarine the wrong way.

● Threatened to murder the luckless ladies unless they obeyed his orders to the letter.

"The man was a monster," said Thompson's brother Cyril.

"He was a bully who terrorized those women every single day of their lives.

"I think they're lucky to have survived all those years."

But the timid sisters put an end to the decades of anguish and abuse one evening when they grabbed a shotgun and blew away their father as he sat in a chair.

Then they called police and calmly told them what they had done.

"I said to June, 'We've got to do something now,'" heartsick Hilda recalled.

"She rushed upstairs to get the gun. She brought it down, loaded it and shot him.

"Then she handed the gun to me and I shot him.

"I remember saying I'll have to do it again to make sure he's dead. He'd stopped shaking, but I shot him to make sure."

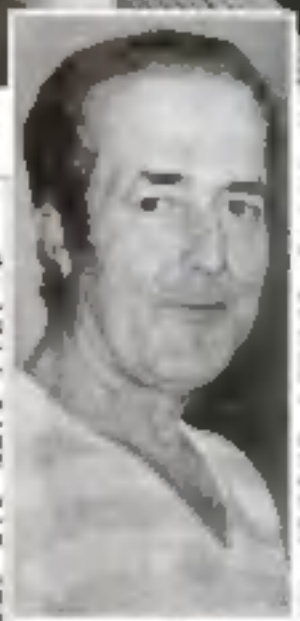
The pancake-thin sisters had ended their father's life while forcing an episode sex on a living room sofa.

But even in this ultimate act of violence, the shaken ladies displayed more mercy than their dastardly dad had ever shown them. "I wanted it to be over quickly," June recalled.

"We hated him but we didn't want to make him suffer."

And on the grey morning they laid the heart of Liverpool to rest, only Hilda, June and their tenth showed up — to cry and to thank the Lord he was gone.

SISTERS Hilda, left, and June Thompson each fired a shotgun blast at their father, ending his reign of terror.



DESPICABLE dad Tommy Thompson terrorized his family and forced his daughters to have sex with him.

Heartless brute got what he deserved, says judge

Scientists find ancient seaport

Archaeologists have uncovered what could be the oldest man-made port ever found — dating back to the Bronze Age, 1,800 years before Christ.

The amazing discovery was made in Tel Nami, Israel, according to Professor Michal Artzy of the University of Haifa.

A warehouse stocked with extraordinarily well-preserved raisins, nuts and olives was found at the port.

"In that period, seafarers tended to hug the coast, and they used to come into port once every two days for food, so you needed ports along the shore at set stretches," said Prof. Artzy.

SHOE BANDIT STRIKES AGAIN

Cops are looking for a wacky swagger who knocked a woman to the ground, snatched one of her shoes and fled.

Authorities said it was the second time the shoe bandit has struck on the streets of Bloomington, Ind.

The most recent victim, a 22-year-old woman, told police that the man slapped her in the face and wrestled her to the side

400-year-old religion puzzles scientists

Jungle tribe worships the Face on Mars!

TRIBESMEN in the Amazon wear masks which accurately portray the mysterious Face on Mars!

They describe it perfectly — even though they've never seen it!

Members of a South American tribe know all about the Face on Mars even though they've never seen it!

That's the claim of West German anthropologist Wilhelm Scharke, who says the savages and their ancestors actually worshiped the monument for 400 years before America's Viking probe "discovered" it for the world in 1976.

"These people are among the most primitive on Earth but they know more about the Face than most scientists," the expert told reporters in Alney.

"From what I understand they have worshiped the Face for at least 400 years. And they insist that their knowledge of it 'came from the stars.'"

Dr. Scharke said he discovered the tribe 200 miles north of Barra do Garcas, Brazil, in late September.

He instantly noticed that the masks they were cavorting like Martian monuments. But he chalked it off as a coincidence until a tribal elder asked him to kneel at the altar of their "Sky God King" — which had the identical chiseled features and beloved on the Face.

"I inquired about their god and was stunned by the old man's reply," said Dr. Scharke. "He repeatedly referred to the Red Planet, which we know as Mars.

"He also talked about messengers from heaven who gave his people the 'Light of Truth' and brought them images of the Sky God King.

"There's no doubt in my mind that their god is the Face on Mars. The challenge before us is to find out how they heard about it.

"These people or their ancestors might have been in contact with extraterrestrials from Mars or some other planet in our solar system."

Dr. Scharke's report got mixed reviews from his colleagues. One went so far as to call the similarities between the Face on Mars and the tribe's masks and

HOW could primitive Indians know of Mars' land eons paradise scientist.

myths "an interesting but meaningless coincidence."

Undaunted, Dr. Scharke vowed to return to the Amazon to see if he can prove that the tribe and the Face are linked. "These primitive people might be able to help us make contact with an extraterrestrial civilization," said the expert.

"Wouldn't that be something? To think that people who've never ridden in cars or flown in planes might be our ticket to the stars is really amazing."

The Brazilian government refused to comment on the expert's report.

But one official, who requested anonymity, was particularly intrigued by it.

"Many jungle people have UFO myths," he said. "Personally, I don't doubt that this tribe has made contact with space aliens."

By RAGAN DUNN

Prisoner's beef jerky gun buffaloes cops!

A prisoner being transported to a mental hospital held a police chief hostage for 40 minutes with a make-believe gun — made out of beef jerky!

"He told me he had a derringer in my back," recalled Chief Billy Ramos. "It felt like a real gun."

The chief and his unidentified prisoner were in a service station rest room when the mental patient got the drop on Chief Ramos — with two pieces of jerky held together to simulate a double-barreled pistol.

Another lawman came to Chief Ramos' aid but was held at bay by the prisoner, who stood behind the chief.

Reinforcements were called and the prisoner was subdued 40 minutes later when he dropped to his knees and started praying.

Ancient Chinese scroll reveals Future

Amazing 2,000-year-old document found in tomb

By SARAH DUNN

A 2,000-year-old scroll found in a Chinese tomb predicts the course of human events from the birth of Jesus Christ until the end of time in 2099!

That's the claim of Dr. William Loir, who discovered the scroll west of Peking on December 3 and flatly calls it "the archaeological discovery of this century or any other."

"The document is in near perfect shape and seems to be an astonishing piece of clairvoyance," the expert told reporters in Paris.

"It foretold the birth of Christ and the enormous impact his life would have on the world. It also predicted the rise and fall of the Roman Empire and told of the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima.

"I'm sad to report that it mentions three world wars — with the worst one yet to come."

Analysis of the scroll indicates that it is between 2,000 and 2,300 years old, said Dr. Loir. It is written in Chinese but the author is unknown.

"You'd think such a document would have philosophical or religious overtones but it doesn't," said the expert.

"It's nothing more than a list, with one prediction following another until the end of time in 2099."

Twenty of the scroll's 40 predictions have already come to pass.

According to Dr. Loir, they include the birth and death of Christ, America's Civil War, World Wars I and 2, the rise of Russia and China as world powers, the AIDS plague and America's 1986 space shuttle disaster.

Predictions for our future appear to be both good and bad. Dr. Loir said they include the development of super vaccines to eradicate the common cold and most forms of cancer in 1990.

● The creation of a one-world religion in 1991.

● The demise of communism in 1992.

● The rise of Japan as a military superpower in 1993.

● The mysterious deaths of all birds, insects and marine life in 1994.

● The destruction of San Francisco, New York and Miami by tidal waves in 1995.

● The simultaneous births of superhuman babies in Peking, London, Paris, Moscow and Los Angeles in 1996.

● The eruption of an African wildfire that cannot be extinguished by man, destroying the entire continent.

● The outbreak of a world war involving 30 nations — including the United States, Japan and China — in 1998.

● The end of life as we know it when a gigantic meteor smashes into Earth in 2099.

"Up until now every prediction on the scroll has been accurate. There's no reason to believe that all of these predictions will come to pass," said Dr. Loir.

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These predictions have already come to pass:

The space shuttle disaster

Civil War in the United States

The Hiroshima A-bomb

. . . and these are still to happen in the future:

Cancer will be cured by 1990

Tidal wave hits Miami in 1995

Life on Venus will be found this year!

Bachelor's nonstop coughing ruins his chances for love!

Handsome bachelor Dino Campi is a deeply tanned Don Juan who turns the ladies off as fast as he turns 'em on — because he can't stop coughing.

The muscular hunk has hacked his way through one romance after another the past five years. "Two dates and they tell me to hit the road," said Dino, 38.

Dino claims he contracted the cough while cleaning tanks containing the chemical ethylene dichloride in Melbourne, Australia, in 1982.

"The cough is destroying my love life," he told a judge in Melbourne, where he is suing the chemical firm. "I cough through movies, while dancing, at parties, and worst of all, when I'm trying to make love. I can't smoke or drink booze because that makes it worse.

"Last night I was dining with a beautiful blonde and made it through the meal without hacking," he said. "Then I coughed and showered her with a mouthful of dessert. She walked out in disgust."

Dino's been asked to leave nightclubs, restaurants and theaters because he bothers everyone around him. "I'm worse than a barking dog in the middle of the night," he said. "I've been evicted from two apartments."

No cough medicines work for the bewildered bachelor. Dozens of throat specialists have tried and failed to cure him.

Psychiatrist Dr. Frederick Johnston said the couples never usually when Dino is nervous or excited. "I am trying to cure him with psychotherapy," said Dr. Johnston.

Dino has put his love life on "hold" while Dr. Johnston treats him. He has taken a road construction job so he can work in the fresh air.

"I want to marry and settle down and have children, but it's foolish for me to even think about having a steady girlfriend, let alone a wife," said desperate Dino.

"I don't have love to keep me warm. All I've got is a cough."

— ALEX JACKSON

No surprise — housework is still woman's work!

American women still do twice as much cooking, cleaning, laundering and other household chores as men do, a new study reveals.

But a survey by University of Maryland sociologist John Robinson shows that men are taking on a larger share of some chores.

Centerfold stunner

Victoria Wilkens specializes in acting roles that give her a chance to show off her stunning figure — from the feature film "Perfect" to the TV movies "I Married a Centerfold" and "Bunny Yeh." She also appeared in the cable show "1st and 10."

Rapist bites off deaf lady's tongue

Bad enough that a deaf woman was dragged into an alley and raped — but worse still, her attacker bit off the poor woman's tongue!

According to police, the 33-year-old Trenton, N.J., victim staggered home bleeding and told her mother, who called for help. Police found her tongue, which surgeons later reattached.

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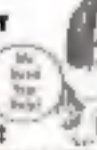

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Coolheaded hero keeps his calm after cutting off his hand!

COOL as a cucumber Nathaniel Forrest points to the hand doctors reattached after accident.

Man's quick thinking saves severed limb — and doctors sew it back on

By JACK ALEXANDER

"Don't get excited," coolheaded Nathaniel Forrest told co-workers. "But I just cut my hand off."

As his stunned buddies gasped in horror at the blood spurting from his wrist, Forrest matter-of-factly kept them from panicking.

Because of his incredible composure, doctors in San Jose, Calif., were later able to reattach the left hand. In a few months, they said, it may be almost as good as new.

"I had rehearsed in my mind many times what I'd do if someone got hurt on the job," said the 37-year-old roof-cutter. "But I didn't think it would be me."

Forrest was cutting a roof for a pre-fab house when the saw slipped. "I looked at my arm and my hand wasn't there," he said.

"I called to John Hawthorne and told him to put a belt around my arm to stop the bleeding and asked my supervisor to call the paramedics," said Forrest.

Then Forrest sat down on a pile of lumber to wait for help, but suddenly remembered his severed hand.

"I saw Harvey [see] and I said, 'Harvey, you're not scared of my hand, are you? Go get a fever, then, go find my hand and keep it cool. They might be able to sew it back on.'"

[See] put the hand in the lunchroom refrigerator and gave it to paramedics when they took Forrest to San Jose Medical Center.

Eight hours after the shocking accident, surgeons had reconnected all of the severed tissue, nerves, arteries and veins in his hand.

Forrest, a married father of two daughters, didn't panic during the ordeal.

"My only fear was that I would lose consciousness before the paramedics got there and bleed to death," he told The NEWS.

"I thought if I could just endure the pain until they got to me, I'd be okay."

Doctors said Forrest [here] 16 weeks in a hospital and months of physical therapy. They are optimistic about a full recovery.

"We work with news every day on the job," Forrest explained.

"I knew it would happen some day.

"I just wanted to make sure I could keep my head and do the right thing if there was an injury."

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We were captured by a tribe of Al Jolson look-alikes

ALL singer Al Jolson hit it big in the '20s with his powerful voice and distinctive "black-face" appearance. Amazingly, a tribe of natural-born Al Jolson look-alikes was recently discovered living in a South American jungle.

By LAUREL BOWIE

Two stunned scientists were captured and later released by a tiny tribe of wacky savages — whose men all look just like 1930s vaudeville star Al Jolson in blackface!

Scientists tell of bizarre run-in with white-lipped natives in Brazil

"You see these people and you think you're having some kind of weird dream," astonished anthropologist Elmar Gerber told fellow scientists at a conference in Lucerne, Switzerland.

"There are maybe 150 men in the tribe and they're all the spitting image of Al Jolson. They're all slightly built, lively little guys with lips so big and round and white they look like they're painted on.

"They have Jolson's wide, mad eyes and black complexion that looks like it came straight from a mahogany jar. But with them it's all absolutely natural."

Gerber and research partner Peter Fuerstein stumbled across the band of loincloth-clad, laid-back natives while studying a neighboring tribe deep in South America's Amazon jungle near Floriano, Brazil.

"We just went out hiking one evening and all of a sudden they had us surrounded," a flabbergasted Fuerstein recalled.

"When we got a good look at them, Elmar and I just stared at each other in amazement. They looked so much like Jolson we could actually imagine them singing *Mammy* just the way he used to.

"They spoke to us in an Indian dialect and ordered us to accompany them to their little village of wood-and-mud huts. They were friendly enough, but they made it clear that we locked the scientists in a mud-and-twig hut while they carried on a boisterous tribal meeting outside.

"Then they very politely invited us outside to join them in a meal of parcary — an animal something like a wild hog — and bananas and strange roots," Gerber said.

"They wanted to know all about our work in the jungle, but communication was difficult because we weren't all that familiar with their dialect.

"After dinner they told us we were free to go — and were invited to return anytime we wanted."

The researchers said they were scheduled to leave the jungle three days after their incredible encounter and so didn't have nearly enough time to spend with the bizarre little band.

"But we're going back this spring," Gerber said. "Our curiosity has got the best of us.

"For someone in our line of work, a tribe of people who

New tattletale eye test for drunk drivers!

Police say they have developed a new technique to tell if a motorist has been drinking — by simply looking into the driver's eyes.

"You can actually estimate somebody's blood alcohol content by looking at their eyes," said Officer Mario Flo. "I can look at someone and tell within one point where they are on the scale."

Officer LaVoie instructs other patrolmen in the new sobriety test technique that involves recognizing jerking eye movements called horizontal gaze nystagmus.

Flo explained that the eyes can pass roadside coordination tests like walking a straight line, they can't control the small muscles of their eyes that have been affected by drugs or alcohol.

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GIVE 'EM A HAND!

BARBARA'S SAD tale: Cathy Pullen says the incident has hurt her marriage

Noisy lovebirds wake up neighbors — and get a big round of applause

By DICK DONOVAN

Fed-up neighbors gave passionate Cathy Pullen a round of applause and a trumpet fanfare — when she finally wound up a noisy, pre-dawn sex session with he-man hubby George!

But her sleepyhead apartment building neighbors Peter and Alison Seadeng weren't showing their appreciation for a job obviously well done. Far from it!

They were angry letting Cathy know that her hubby might try lovemaking but once again request them from a good night's sleep.

It was an act of desperation explained Peter whose apartment in London is next to the Pullens' love nest. It was absolutely impossible to sleep when she and her husband were having sex. She's a very loud lover.

"The last time they were at it, I was so relieved when she finished that I applauded and blew a salute on my trumpet. Then the wife and I went back to sleep."

But Cathy, a 28-year-old perky blonde was mortified that her neighbors had heard her cries of ecstasy.

"It's so embarrassing to know that people were listening in when we were doing love," she said. "I don't normally scream or make loud ... just a normal healthy woman.

Our bedroom is right next to the Seadengs and I really hate to think they caught me again."

Cathy's embarrassment that night was nothing compared to husband George's rage. The

OUTRAGED hubby George Pullen looks his neighbor's way because of the NH

41-year-old bricklayer likes to enjoy an active and healthy sex life with Peter Seadeng and ... life until that awful night," Cathy lamented.

The attack earned George a ... three-month jail term and a ... order to pay $1,400 in restitution ... "It's put a terrible strain on ... Peter. "We used to, our marriage."

Tragic mom loses 3rd kid in 9 years — only 1 is left!

For the third time in nine years, Diana Paige let a scream and tugged a pile of lost jewelry around her neck and ears — that belonged to a child of hers who died.

This time, the heartbreaking ritual was repeated but 11-year-old Jon Shawn had been killed by a truck while riding his bike to school in Tarpon, Fla.

"I don't believe a living child should have to play with a dead child's toys," the wide-eyed 32-year-old mom explained.

In July, 1978, death claimed the life of her 5-week-old daughter Laura Jean. In 1979, her 6-year-old son Ralph died of pneumonia.

And after each death, Diana put a match to the dead child's toys.

Diana and her 39-year-old husband William now ...

City forgets doors for the new jail!

Stunned officials say the ... they approved for a new $34 million city jail are just ... except for one thing — someone forgot to include cell doors!

"I thought when we voted to go ahead with the jail that it would come complete with doors," said city councilman Matt Carlson of Jacksonville, Fla.

"It sounds to me like we're buying a car without the two front wheels," the flabbergasted official said.

According to city officials $1.5 million for 185 electronic sliding cell doors was omitted from the original $34 million contract that was approved for the construction of the five-story jail.

The doors and other furnishings will have to be paid

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WORLD'S HOTTEST GOSSIP

NEW CARY GRANT GAY SHOCKER!

PARTYGOER — Actor claims he was in Rock Hudson (no help after gay romp with Cary Grant at Tinseltown bash.

Actor claims big screen star made love to him at an orgy

The shaky ladies' man image of big screen legend Cary Grant has been rocked again with a new revelation by an actor who claims Cary made love to him at a sickening Tinseltown orgy.

This new claim comes on the heels of at least one book that hints at Cary's secret homosexual life.

According to the actor, all the Hollywood biggies attended the wild bash held in honor of Grace Kelly. The guests included superstars like Cary, William Holden, Rock Hudson and Peter Lawford.

The actor claims marijuana was freely passed among the guests and drinks were laced with LSD. Drugged and awed by the superstar guests, he says he stumbled into a bedroom and then on to the bathroom. There in a marble tub was a naked Cary fooling around with two male dancers from one of the studios.

"Suddenly, I realized there were three more people in the room than I thought and hands began to pull at me," the actor recalled. "I didn't resist. I couldn't. I felt helpless.

"Then they tied me to a hook which loomed over the bed."

Helpless, the actor claims Cary, then Charles Laughton and finally another

William Dafoe

Who will play evil Charles Manson?

A studio is trying to cast a big name actor to play crazed killer Charles Manson in a movie version of Charlie's autobiography, but it seems nobody's jumping at the role.

One big wig says the part's been offered to two-fisted Sean Penn, Eric Roberts, William Dafoe, who starred in the controversial film *The Temptation of Christ*, Brad Davis and Nicolas Cage, who starred with Cher in *Moonstruck*.

The cast was an epic turned it down, but no one's said "yes" to [illegible]. — *Miami Herald*

Charles Manson

Patty Hearst, Patty Duke and Shirley Temple got their start in show biz at age 9 making TV commercials. The happy 10-year-old California girl now has a role on "Knots Landing" and was in the flicks "Pieces in the Attic" and "Deadly Friend."

The Duke's ghost walks decks of his old yacht

[illegible] Wayne's ghost nightly walks the decks of his old yacht the Wild Goose, Dottie Lynn Butterbaugh, the Santa Monica, Calif., attorney who bought the boat in 1979.

"He's still there protecting the boat," Lynn told the Sun. "He let me buy it to take care of it. Many of his personal things are still here."

Lynn says the 83-foot yacht's crew has gotten used to hearing heavier footsteps late at night that walk up and down the main deck. Several times, the ghostly specter of the famed cowboy star has appeared.

"A couple of times, I've seen a tall gray figure in a wide-brimmed hat staring at me in the mirror of the main salon," says Lynn.

"I turned around and it vanished in the blink of an eye."

Lynn also claims the ghost saved him and a handful of 50 guests from certain death. He was hosting a wedding party on board. The yacht was anchored out in Newport Beach bay near Wayne's old home. A sudden gale blew up, ripping the boat from its anchor. The motors wouldn't start and the wind and waves threatened to carry the yacht out of control, smashing into the harbor where hundreds of boats were moored.

Miraculously, the big boat drifted against the waves and wind and ended up stopping at the dock in front of Wayne's old home.

"It was impossible for the boat to drift that way but it did," says Lynn. "I'm certain John Wayne's ghost saved [illegible]

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CRAWLING TRIBE

These poor Zulus can't stand upright so they get around on their hands & knees!

CRAWLING South African natives have adjusted well to their unusual ailment

By SUSAN ALLISON

Members of a South African tribe baffling scientists with their bizarre physical ailment — which forces them to spend their lives crawling around on their hands and knees!

About 500 people the Zulu tribe in Northern suffer the strange condition, which softens their hip bones until they can't stand upright.

For decades, researchers have studied the crippled crawlers without learning what causes their ailment.

"It is the greatest medical mystery of our time," said Dr. Hannes Botha of Cape Town, South Africa, what has studied the tribe in depth. He said the disease is confined to a small geographical area spanning about 7 square miles.

According to experts, tribe members begin life appearing normal in every way. But by the time they reach their teens, they begin suffering mysterious pains and weakness in their hips.

Before long they are forced to their hands and knees for good, going about their daily chores on all fours. "What can you do?" asked one tribe member, Nolethakatha Mabelika. "Already my daughter who is only 20 has the disease. It causes us pain, but if it is God's will then there is nothing I can do."

Baffling disease is 'the greatest medical mystery of our time'

Scientists say that about 60 percent of the women and 35 percent of the men of the tribe will eventually come down with the disease.

It does not affect victims' intelligence and they live long, healthy lives despite their ailment.

"I am constantly amazed by how well the people manage to get around in spite of the disease," said Dr. David Mann, another scientist familiar with the rare tribe. "You see them working the fields and carrying heavy loads on their heads.

"I think it will be a very long time before the cause of the disease is known. Scientifically it is a mystery."

The Zulu crawling people accept their condition — and even view normal folks as a bit hasty!

"When we see someone who moves normally, it seems strange to us," said Nungeka Mabeka, 56. "We have grown used to crawling along on our hands and knees."

Smoky rooms make people less helpful

People are much less willing to help each other in rooms filled with cigarette smoke, possibly because the smoke makes the environment stressful, a fascinating new study shows.

Researchers from Bemidji State University in Minnesota conducted a series of experiments and found that in each case passersby were more helpful in a smokeless area than in a smoke-filled area.

"Our findings have evidence that cigarette smoke can decrease social behavior," concluded psychology professor Russell Bennett, who directed the study.

Bennett said the findings fit with other research that shows that stressful situations — like loud noises, large crowds or extreme temperatures — also make people less helpful.

What a jumpy kid!

Olympic gymnast Mary Lou Retton showed her talent early. A child of the state she ...

Drunk driver gets smashed for his trial

Drunk driver Marvin McLean failed to impress the judge at his DUI trial — because he showed up fumbling, stumbling drunk!

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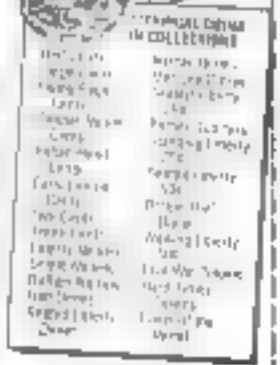

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Trapped man eats his own clothes!

Cotton shirt, socks and shoe leather kept avalanche victim alive for 33 days!

By BEATRICE DEXTER

A stranded motorist spent 33 terrifying days trapped in his car under a massive snowslide, but survived in good shape, officials said — because he dined on his own clothing!

Salesman Michal Laco, 32, was found by a rescue team more than a month after he was buried in an avalanche while driving through the mountains. The Havirov, Czechoslovakia father of two is now recovering in a hospital.

"I ate the shirt first," the emaciated survivor told reporters from the News Press in Prague. "It was the tough one — then I remembered that I'd packed some other shirts for the weekend in the trunk."

After finishing off the shirt, Laco dipped in for socks and shoes. There he ate shoelaces and eighteen pairs of soft cleaning sponges until the worst was digestible.

Next, Laco removed his cotton shirt and ate that.

"Fortunately, most of my clothes are made of natural fibers — cotton, wool, things like that," Laco said. "I don't know what I would have done if my clothes were synthetics like nylon."

"The taste wasn't bad, but the texture was a problem. And I was afraid that if the rescuers took too long I'd die of cold, because I lacked enough clothing."

Fortunately, a team of searchers found Laco on the 33rd day of his ordeal. By that time, the stranded motorist was down to his skivvies, jacket and undershirt.

"He was shivering, but appeared pretty healthy," said rescue worker Peter Dear, who helped drag Laco down from the mountain disaster. "He was weak, but otherwise okay. We're pretty certain he would have died if he hadn't

MOTORIST Michal Laco survived 33 days in an avalanche of snow. He finally dined to eat his own clothing to survive

When searchers found him, he was down to his skivvies, jacket and undershirt!

his home from a business convention when he was stranded in freezing temperatures by an avalanche of snow and ice. His car was submerged under four feet of slush, but the man was able to breathe.

Officials believe that the snow layer surrounding Laco's car kept temperatures fairly high inside it, and Laco says he took bites of snow to ease his thirst. The salesman carried nothing to eat in his car, however, and knew he faced death by starvation.

"I figured help would not reach me for a long time," the

Witch memorial a hot issue in Salem!

The gavel came down at 9 p.m. in the town meeting in quiet Salem, Mass., to open a memorial to the victims again — over a plan to of the witch trials and executions the witches burned centuries that took place at the trials there long in Salem in 1692.

decade of years ago. But a fierce group of

It seems that an artist townspeople think the memorial would be out of place in conservative Salem, where 20 people lost their lives during the Colonial witch hunt.

"I think it's making heroes and heroines out of very ordinary people and the whole thing has a kitschy look to it," said one opponent, Anne Putnam.

Artist Vlastic Svetgabble says his plan for a statue in the town center is a good one, and he has a number of supporters.

"It's long overdue," said Howard Hay of the Sons and Daughters of the Victims of Colonial Witch Trials. "We designed it the official me-

Gal [redacted] dog [redacted] mouth-to-mouth CPR

Pet groomer Patricia Lopez' knowledge of lifesaving CPR paid off when a retired Greyhound raced over — and she brought the man back to life with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

"All I thought about was what do I do with the tongue," said Miss Lopez of Acushnet, Mass.

The dog collapsed after she finished clipping its toenails. She began CPR when she found no pulse.

"After a few minutes, I heard a cough and then a gurgle," said Miss Lopez. "I continued working on her until she could breathe on her own."

Germs from space shuttle could wipe us out says top physicist

The space shuttle could bring back deadly viruses that could wipe out all life on Earth!

That's the grim warning of West German physicist Werner Moller, who says an epidemic of space-born viruses could make the AIDS plague look like an outbreak of chickenpox.

Speaking to an audience of scientists in Stuttgart, Dr Moller said that millions of viruses could now be drifting through space.

"Many of these could prove fatal to mankind," he said. "Some may have existed since the beginning of time, others could be from planets that disintegrated or even be the monstrous product of alien space chemistry.

"We have no protection against the common cold, just imagine how we would fare against a space virus that was spawned in a wild and hostile planet among life-forms totally in opposition to our own.

"Such a space-born virus could have wiped out the dinosaurs and shows no mercy now could have wrote the annals of the AIDS epidemic."

Dr. Moller said that the space shuttle should be quarantined and sterilized every time they land. He also said they should be sterilized before taking off, so that Earth viruses are not taken into space.

"The new viruses could add to the space germ pool, thereby making life-forms that, for example, have not been exposed to the measles virus," Dr Moller said.

"For an example of that, you only have to go to the American Indian. Thousands of native Americans died after they were exposed to smallpox, a virus unknown in the New World before the arrival of the white man.

"A new and deadlier form of smallpox could be in space waiting."

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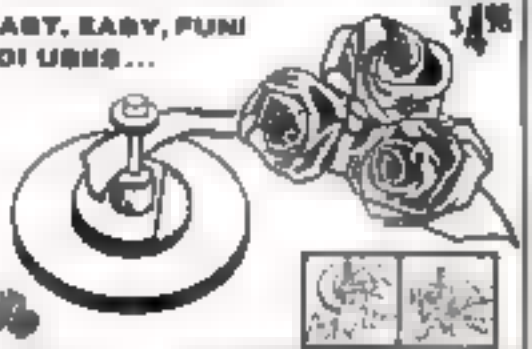

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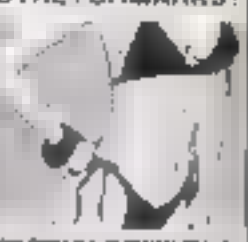

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Flirting Romeo gets his innocent brother in a deadly jam

Jealous husband shoots the wrong Siamese twin!

Terrified Freddy Perez was gunned down in the street and nearly killed by an irate husband — who was out to murder Freddy's skirt-chasing Siamese twin brother!

Now fed-up Freddy, 23, is demanding an operation to separate him from his boozing brother Ruben — even though doctors say one or both of them could die during the surgery.

"I'm sick and tired of being tied to a womanizing, brawling drunk," the ticked-off twin told reporters in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

"Ruben is constantly dragging me to bars when I don't want to go, forcing me to stay out all night so he can get drunk and flirt with women.

"And this isn't the first time I've been hurt by a mad husband or boyfriend who didn't like Ruben's flirting and his racy remarks to their wife or their girlfriend. Now I want out. I want to try for a life of my own — even if it means I might not have any life at all."

The latest blowup in the twins' often-stormy existence began when the bantling lotharios — joined at the hip and side — entered a boisterous Buenos Aires bar.

Hot-pursuing Ruben tried to flirt with a blonde at the next table and her husband flew into a rage.

"The man said he didn't want any freaks messing with his wife and he was going to punch Ruben out," fuming Freddy recalled.

"I never wanted to be there in the first place, as I envisioned Ruben we should go home and rest for a change."

But when the pumped-up hubby — later identified as Ricardo Rocha, 30 — followed them and opened fire on rowdy Ruben in the parking lot.

The shots from his 38-caliber pistol missed Ruben, but two of them struck Freddy in the shoulder.

"If it had been just a few inches to the right I'd be dead," said the pain-stricken university student.

— LAUREL ROWE

Top shrink issues grim warning to sex addicts

Sex addiction can be so all consuming that it can lead to deep depression and suicide!

That's the grim warning from psychologist Patrick Carnes who said sexual addiction affects 3 to 5 percent of Americans.

He said the addiction involves multiple partners, one-night stands, compulsive masturbation, exhibitionism, pornography, sexual abuse and encounters with prostitutes.

"It has more in do with an obsession than with actual sex," said Carnes a consultant to the Sexual Dependency Unit at Golden Valley Health Center in Minnesota.

"This addiction kills in many ways," he explained, citing deep depression and suicide.

Collar me beautiful

For his third birthday, Arthur the cat poses in a glittering $1,864 diamond collar. The feline, who lives in Beverly Hills, Calif., with his owner Jeanne Mackin, 39, is also the proud possessor of a $1,000 gold-plated bed.

Burglar gets life term — 85 times!

A tough judge sentenced a drug-crazed burglar to 85 consecutive life terms in prison plus 880 years for 100 crimes.

"I can't do good consistency but whatever you deserve, my friend," said Charleston, S.C., Judge Dan F. Lacey Jr. in sentencing returns crook Steven Doyle, 33.

Doyle admitted stealing about $30,000 worth of goods to support his drug habit. He pleaded guilty to

How could they do this to their newborn baby girl?

By MICKEY McGUIRE

Jose and Rosita Morales didn't end their motor scooter tour of the world when their first baby was born — they just shipped the tiny bundle to relatives and went merrily on their way!

The young couple became parents at a 7-pound, 6-ounce baby daughter four months after setting out from their home in Caracas, Venezuela, on a sight-seeing trip around the world.

Baby Alice made her sudden arrival while 20-year-old Jose and his 18-year-old wife were in Mexico City.

While most couples would have ended the trip right there and there, Jose and Rosita waited until tiny Alice was a month old. Then they went to the airport and handed her over to a stewardess flying to Caracas.

"I know everyone will think we are cruel to part with our first child only a month after she was born," Jose said as he waited for Alice's plane to take off.

"But Rosita and I feel that if we continue our world tour, we'll be much better off financially and will be able to give our daughter a better life.

"I plan to write a book and Rosita hopes to sell her photographs. In that way, we can have the money we need to get the college education that will bring us good-paying jobs."

Though Rosita feels the decision to ship her baby home will prove to be the best [illegible] move in the long run, she admits that giving up little Alice was the hardest thing she has ever done. "I cried my heart out that night," she said. "And I still cry when I think of her being so far from my arms. I miss her so very much. But this is for the best. It's a sacrifice Jose and I are willing to make to give our daughter a more secure future. I pray that she will be able to make it up to her for not being with her."

They didn't want bundle of joy to end world tour!

WHO loves ya baby? This bundle of joy was sure there while parents continued on their world wander tour

After hearing from Rosita's grandmother that Alice had arrived safe and sound, the couple continued their globe-spanning tour.

From Mexico they pleasured to Los California, then went back up east to Florida where they plan to visit Disney World.

They are also talking about visiting Canada and Alaska, where Jose says he hopes to see a polar bear and some ice bergs.

"And someday, after we finish college, we'll bring Alice to America and take her to Disney World, too," Jose vowed.

CRUISIN' — Wife baby stays at home — Jose and Rosita.

Angry hubby cut up wife and stored her in freezer

Money-crazy Colin Harkaka was so scared his wife would expose him as a welfare cheater that he killed her, cut her up — and stored chunks of her body in the family freezer!

The bothersome hubby was convicted of murder after admitting he bashed his pretty wife Samantha with a hammer and stabbed her repeatedly with a knife during a tiff at their home in Tring, England.

Panic-stricken Colin, 30, then dragged Samantha's body to the bathtub and cut her into seven pieces with a serrated knife.

He stuffed her arms and legs into the freezer in his kitchen.

Then he put her head and torso in plastic bags and left them in a shopping cart in the garage.

The macabre crime came to light two days later when Colin — who was working as a decorator while collecting welfare — begged his best buddy to help him dispose of the remains.

Garbage man Doug Clinton testified that the killer made him touch one of the plastic bags, then told him: "That's her head."

But instead of helping him dump Samantha's body, Clinton talked his friend into surrendering to police.

Colin, who'll be sentenced [illegible]

Pretty coed shot dead in traffic spat, say cops

After an angry exchange of words between the passengers of two vehicles, high school coed Kimberly Pagters was shot dead — with a bullet not even meant for her!

The stunning 17-year-old junior student was killed while riding with friends in a pickup truck fired on by a trigger-happy punk riding in a passing car.

Her cold-blooded murder apparently was sparked by a heated exchange of words between 4 passengers in the pickup and another in a car on a rural road outside Houston, Tex.

Although cops at first had no descriptions of the car or any clue to the identity of Kimberly's killer, they now say they have a prime witness.

PURE evoked the life of pretty Kimberly Pagters while she was riding in a pickup truck.

The NEWS has one of the cops here, but we have other Texas police operatives looking for him and it's only a matter of time before we have him in custody."

Friends riding with Kimberly when she was shot said the fatal bullet — one of about six fired at the pickup — came from a car "packed" with men and appears that had almost submerged the truck.

They said that while words were exchanged between the passengers, Kimberly wasn't involved.

The driver of the pickup was 17-year-old Sonny Bridges.

He said that after the name-calling, Kimberly's date, 18-year-old Ricky Keigley, yelled: "Watch what you're doing," as the car sped by.

The car pulled behind the [illegible] didn't, the car pulled up beside the pickup. Bridges said Keigley yelled something else and a shot was fired.

The bullet struck Kimberly in the arm and head.

"She grabbed her head like she was holding her ears and kind of fell over on Ricky," Bridges said.

Bridges said he tried to follow the car, and more shots were fired at the pickup when both vehicles stopped at a stop sign.

Bridges lost the car when the driver turned its lights off and apparently turned down another road.

Kimberly, a high school senior, had been making plans to join the Air Force to fulfill her dream of someday becoming a pilot.

"That's all she ever talked about," her [illegible] said.

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He hasn't had a day off (including weekends) in 40 years!

Tough-as-nails Arthur Clayburn works a grueling 10 hours a day, seven days a week delivering milk and hasn't missed a day in 40 years!

The hardy 61-year-old Knottingley, England, man never had a day off for sickness and has never even taken a vacation.

By RAFE KLINGER

"I love hard work," said Arthur. "I wouldn't know what to do with a day off and I'd be bored silly if I took a holiday."

Arthur's job is not easy. He delivers milk the old-fashioned way — one pint bottle at a time. His dairy route requires that he be at the dairy at 3:30 a.m. each morning.

He drops off more than 1,000 pints a day to doorsteps each and every day. That's some 5,000 pints a week. It takes him 10 hours to finish each day's deliveries.

Now a widower, Arthur said he won't let down even when he wakes up feeling less than in the chips.

"I never feel ill. If I do feel under the weather, I just shrug it off."

Arthur began his delivery business some 40 years ago when working long hours and long weeks was part of life. But working hard isn't valued as highly today as then. And Arthur just doesn't understand folks who can't wait to finish their jobs so they can play.

"I'm amazed when I hear of young people wanting more and more time off," he said. "The thing to do is get a job that you enjoy doing."

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EARLY RISER Arthur Clayburn gets up at 3 p.m. then works a 10-hour day delivering milk. He hasn't had a single day off in the past 40 years and reckons he's ready to go 40 more!

Panicked cop dives for cover — and plunges 35 feet!

By JACK ALEXANDER

A frantic cop who thought he was being shot at didn't look before he leaped for cover — and fell 35 feet over a bridge railing onto the edge of a riverbank.

Officer Robert Bouchet was in serious condition with multiple injuries after a bizarre chain of events that began when he raced to the scene of a traffic accident near Gorham, Maine.

Bouchet's speeding cruiser slammed into a pickup truck that had broken down beside the road on Highway 302.

The collision caused a fire that ignited blasting caps in the back of the pickup. The exploding caps sounded like bullets to Bouchet and he dived for cover, said Police Chief David Kern.

"He dove behind the bridge guard rail and found nothing but 35 feet of air," said Chief Kern.

"He suffered serious back and head injuries."

The accident Officer Bouchet was racing to was a minor collision. The driver of the pickup wasn't hurt.

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Hungry fish give new hope to people who suffer from psoriasis!

Mild gar attack: This greedy fellow showed only a bit of the bull fish's nuisance. The little cleaner fish feed on sores and eat rid of unsightly dead skin.

It really works, says

Hundreds of victims of the heartbreaking skin disease psoriasis are getting a new lease on life — from tiny fish that literally chew the ugly sores and dead skin from their bodies!

The toothy little "surgeons" are a European species of wrasse known as cleaner fish that inhabit the steaming waters of a spring-fed pool in Kangal, Turkey.

Each day scores of men, women and children, all tormented by the heartbreak of psoriasis, flock to the little-known spa in central Turkey where for the 1½ centuries or so locals have literally lived their lives in the pool.

And both the doctors and the patients say the fish are a great help. Hundreds of these tiny fish bring clean, new skin to the surface as they nibble away at their unsightly scales.

Amazingly, the fish attack only the affected part of the victim's body, only the outer layers of the scales.

After about two hours, the patients' lesions, the dead skin and the red patches and dead skin that had made them so miserable are gone.

It was as if they had undergone the process of Ultraviolet Rays in a sun-soaked Riviera for two months. Lourdes, who had already died and saved her a year to make the journey to Kangal.

I have never had a huge crowd of people out on a date

By CHARLES TULLY

because of the terrible small size of the dots. I always felt I was too ugly to be seen in public so I always kept my face covered with a scarf.

Because it was my face that needed treatment, I had to schedule the visits a few minutes at a time and it took longer for me.

But the last day it they made me look like a normal woman and I am so grateful to them. They gave me a new lease on life."

Another grateful visitor is Ugur Gul, 48, who first suffered with psoriasis when he was 17. After only one "treatment," the fish nibbled away almost all trace of the ugly scaly disease.

Other species of cleaner fish inhabit the tropical waters of the South Pacific where they eat the parasites that infest other fish.

You're still a teenager at 28, says new study

Most people in their 20s are actually still teenagers, the latest research shows.

Recent studies reveal that males usually don't mature to adulthood until they are between 24 to 28 years old.

That's when men and women start from depending on their parents to make important decisions for themselves. It's also the time when they make the most

found children in their parents' routine well after they leave home and enter the adult world," said psychologist Susan J. Frank of Michigan State University.

"There's an astonishing difference between those in their early and late 20s in doing things without leaning on their parents.

Dr. Frank reported her findings in the current issue of the American Psychological

Our books are too heavy, wail students

School officials in Aurora, Ill., want to shrink the extra pounds — to make sure high school students don't hurt themselves by carrying their books to school.

And their books prove each night and back to school each morning.

At least three of them have complained they hurt their backs carrying bulging three-inch-thick books.

Now, the parent-teacher group is urging that some of the books be shared and stashed by teachers in every class.

That way, the kids can leave books — instead of taking them home.

Joking wife drives hubby BONKERS!

A trembling taxi driver won a divorce from his wife of 35 years — after complaining his mischievous mate's practical jokes drove him stark raving mad!

"I just can't take it anymore," jittery Giuseppe Marra, 60, told a court of law in Catania, Sicily.

"For 35 years I've been living on the edge of a heart attack because of her tricks."

The harried hubby said one of wicked wife Rosalia's favorite pranks was to wait until he was sound asleep, then smash up and yell "Earthquake!" in his ear.

Jumpy Giuseppe said Rosalia also got a kick out of:

- Pouring soup in his breakfast cereal.
- Sewing all the pockets in his pants shut.
- Putting live snakes in his bed.
- Spreading molasses over the front seat of his cab.
- Serving him wine laced with vinegar.
- Putting stinky cheese under the hood of his car, where it cooked and filled the car with a pole-vaulting stench.
- Unleashing live frogs in the refrigerator for Giuseppe to find when he stumbled in for a late-night snack.
- Sprinkling itching powder in-

'I can't take it anymore,' he says — & divorces her

side his socks and in his underwear.

"There was nothing too nasty for Rosalia to do, and she always laughed her head off while she was making my life miserable," Giuseppe groaned.

But the final straw came when she tricked the fisherman-turned-cabbie into believing she'd been kidnapped by bloodthirsty thugs seeking ransom money.

"I was going out of my mind until I realized it was just another of her stupid pranks," said the hapless hubby. "Now I'm fed up. I want to live alone in peace."

— JOE SOUCEK

Boy, 12, rapes his baby-sitter, say cops

After bragging to friends about his sexual conquest, a 12-year-old boy was arrested for raping his baby-sitter, police said.

"He's not the greatest kid, sure," the boy's father said following his son's arrest in the shocking case. "He always finds the wrong things to do. But he couldn't have done this. It's just too much, too hard to believe."

Authorities in Auburn, Wash., said the 20-year-old victim was on her way to buy soft drinks at a neighborhood convenience store when she ran into the boy the previous Saturday.

Cops say the boy took the baby-sitter to a nearby elementary school where he raped her and threatened to beat her with a stick if she told anyone.

The woman returned home to her mother's house two hours later with bruises on her face and lay down on the porch, refusing to go inside, investigators said. She didn't tell her mother about the attack until several weeks later and the mother notified authorities.

Police said they were able to verify the victim's account of the attack because the 12-year-old bragged to friends about what he'd done.

"He admitted he wasn't all he-man that he'd had sex with a girl," said Det. Michael Farrell.

Authorities say he has a criminal record including burglary and theft, malicious mischief and trespassing.

The boy was ordered held at a juvenile detention facility until the rape case comes to trial.

— PETE COCKE

Cat owners told to leash their pets

Some pet owners in Naperville, Ill., are howling mad because their cats are being treated like dogs — and required to be on leashes.

Public places, just like pooches.

"It's pretty silly to put a cat on a leash," said cat owner George Andrus.

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WORLD'S FIRST SPACE ALIEN INTERVIEW!

By RAGAN DUNN

An internationally known French journalist claims to have gotten the world's first interview with a space alien!

Vincent Blanc says he conducted the 25-minute question-and-answer session in the courtyard of his home south of Marseilles.

The extraterrestrial reportedly told the newsman that UFO aliens from at least 14 planets are actively involved in the study and exploration of Earth.

Even more incredible, he said that these creatures are peacefully to take full control of our planet. And in an amount of within ten years.

"I don't want to sound immodest, but I have to consider this one of the most important interviews ever conducted. Blanc, who has written for [illegible] years, [illegible] Paris.

"Parts of the interview are [illegible]," he added. "But they should be read in the company of others, preferably [illegible] people who pay the [illegible]."

Blanc says the interview was conducted on [illegible], when the alien mysteriously [illegible] the evening of November 4.

The creature had [illegible] and was looked like a [illegible] over-sized child. He allegedly spoke in a high-pitched tone and answered the following questions before he glowed bright blue and disappeared.

Q. Who are you? Why do you represent? Why are you here?

A. I am [illegible] the inhabitants of Earth. You do not know us but we have known you since the beginning. You need to help us [illegible] you have some questions we must.

Q. What do you want?

A. [illegible] Peaceful [illegible] and [illegible].

Q. You have come to steal [illegible] Earth?

A. We have come to [illegible] peaceful [illegible] to [illegible] Earth.

Q. How can you help us? And what must we do to get [illegible] help?

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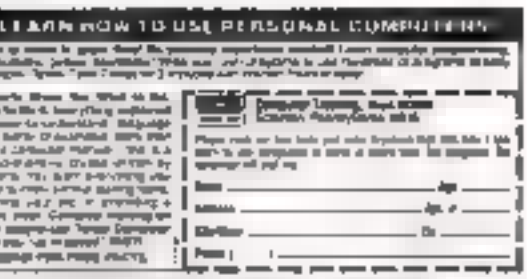
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Foster mom's special children — they are all dying!

Mrs. Running spends a tender moment with Missy, a 3-year-old who has a rare breathing disorder that will one day kill her. The brave foster mom has had five children in need in the past 10 years.

By SUSAN JIMISON

Courageous foster mom Jane Running is an angel to dying kids.

The brave Omaha, Nebr., housewife takes in terminally ill children and gives them love, filling their last days with happiness. And when they die, she holds them till the very end, facing death at their side.

"The commitment is until death," said Mrs. Running, who has had five little ones in their graves in the past 10 years. "I want to be sure to hold them on this side while Jesus takes their hands on the other side.

Death isn't ugly. I know where they are after they die. I know they're happy and they're whole. And I'm going to see them again — that's what keeps me going."

The middle-aged wife and mom knows it takes no special strength to do what she does.

She says the children she cares for repay and encourage her with the love they give to her.

She admits that each time a child dies her heart breaks — but she says she will take in more children because she can't turn away a dying child who needs her.

"You have yourself open to a lot of hurt," she told The NEWS.

"But if you think you have everything a child needs, you can't say no.

"Every time we lose a child I wonder if we can do it again — but how can't we do it? No matter how long they have you can give them all the love in the world.

"It doesn't mean anything to give up love."

Over the years, Mrs. Running and her husband Russ have brought joy to many tragic kids. There was Karen, a blind quadriplegic they took in at 7 and buried when she was 16.

There was Stevie, a quicksilver baby who lived with the Runnings until she died at 4. Then Jeremy, dead at 18 months. Then Hilary, dead at 6.

'I love them and hold them till they die . . .'

Today, Mrs. Running cares for Missy, a 3-year-old who gasps for air because of a rare disease that will one day kill her.

She tends to a 13-year-old quadriplegic girl, a 10-year-old boy who swallowed lye as a baby and breathes through a hole in his throat, a 4-year-old girl with brittle bone disease, and a 9-year-old girl who cannot breathe without oxygen at her side.

"Once you're exposed to handicapped children, you're able to see that they're just children," said the supermom, who supports her huge family with help from state agencies. "They give so much love back."

Hunters save man hit by train

Severely injured Jack Vest miraculously escaped death when a freight train severed both feet — and he lay in agony for seven hours on the tracks before he was found.

for help beside the Southern Railway tracks near St. Tammany Parish, La.

Vest said he didn't hear the train as he walked along the tracks because of noisy traffic on a nearby interstate and a howling wind.

wasn't aware he had lost anyone, and there'll unfortunate Larry Cline.

Vest's left leg was severed below the knee, his right foot was cut off at the ankle and his right arm was severely injured.

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Tired of waiting for deadbeat customers to pay their bills, an angry grocer put their names up in lights on a billboard with the message: "Pay your bill."

"I tried everything to get paid, including registered letters, small claims, collection agencies," said store owner Hugh Lavoie. "But that doesn't work, and it's too time and expensive."

Lawyers said putting the debtors' names on the lighted billboard outside his store was legal, but advised him not to do it because of bad publicity, said Lavoie of St. Hamin, Quebec, Canada.

"The people here know me. And if ever my sign is found lying on the ground, the police will have a good idea who is responsible by reading the billboard," he said.

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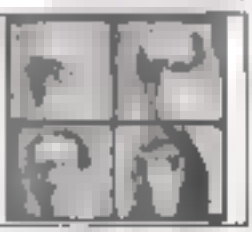

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Poland is the dirtiest country in the world — and that's no joke, folks.

Most of their beaches on the Baltic Sea have been closed because they're so filthy. Most Polish rivers are so polluted the water has been declared undrinkable.

"There has been a complete breakdown of the main of cultured balsam in 27 areas inhabited by one-third of Poland's 38 million people," said the newspaper Zycie Warszawy.

About 12 million Poles live in areas devastated by pollution, according to a report from the Academy of Sciences.

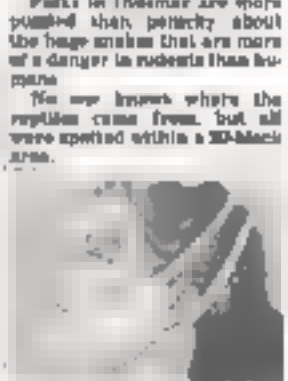
Diseases, including cancer and genetic deformities, have increased because of the pollution.

Seven-foot fiend terrorizes town by giant pythons

Seven giant pythons — up to 18 feet long and 175 pounds — have been found slithering around a small Florida town.

Police in Hideman are more puzzled than panicky about the huge snakes that are more of a danger in rodents than humans.

No one knows where the reptiles came from, but all were spotted within a 10-block area.



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Saloon girl's ghost haunts cow town!

She wails for the Texas cowboy who shot her in 1905!

The ghost of a beautiful saloon girl haunts the hotel in a Mexican border town where she was shot by a jealous Texas cowboy in 1905!

Now angry guests want the girl's spirit exorcised because, as one longtime resident says, "We can't get a wink of sleep so long as that spook is around."

By CLINT McCORD

According to local police records, 19-year-old Alice Hannah was very much alive when she drifted into Ciudad Juarez — just across the border from El Paso, Tex. — in the spring of 1904.

She'd spent the previous three years as a prostitute in various mining towns in Arizona, where appreciative clients had gambled her with the madam: "Turn-trail Alice."

Alice quickly settled in to her new life in the saloon of the Don Eleuma Hotel, a favorite hangout of wild Texas cowboys from across the border.

It was the girl's misfortune to fall in love with dashing Bill Petrie, losing her heart to the El Paso rancher's twinkling eyes and his creeping cavalry mustache.

"The affair lasted several months," said the hotel's current owner Juan Garcia, 54. "But Alice was a working girl and I guess it was inevitable that Bill would catch her in the sack with another man."

Again according to police records, Bill watched, unseen, from the window, as Alice and her young client considerably mussed up the bed.

When he couldn't take anymore, the cowboy burst into the bedroom, his mustache bristling with rage.

The police records say definitely that Alice's client "was shot in the legs," then that again as he begged for mercy.

Bill then turned his gun on Alice, who also begged loudly for mercy before the cowboy plugged her square between her beautiful breasts.

Never satisfied, Bill then ran to his waiting pony and galloped out of town.

The date was Aug. 8, 1905. And ever since that time, according to Mr. Garcia, Alice's ghost has roamed the hotel begging her heartless boyfriend for mercy.

"I've seen her myself several times," Mr. Garcia said. "She is a beautiful blonde girl wearing a blindfold and shoes and nothing else.

"She looks you straight in the eye and wails 'Mercy kind sir . . . please have mercy on me!' Other times she appears to be crying and begging for mercy.

"I think it's time to call in a priest and get rid of her.

"She's becoming a very disruptive element in the hotel. I mean it's unnerving when she suddenly appears in a guest's room and starts begging for mercy.

"She only appears to men, never women." At this writing no exorcism has taken place although arrangements are currently being made.

"We have talked at some length to a holy father."

But Petrie didn't escape justice long.

He was shot by Texas Rangers in 1908 "after lifting the purse of a woman of color in a sporting house in El Paso."

Fittingly, he was plugged in the "right hip and chest," and "died like a dog."

CIUDAD JUAREZ was a wide open town when Alice moved there in the spring of 1904 to work at her trade.

Alice got shove

An unidentified man was tossed into a trash dumpster and put asleep by four muggers after they robbed him of $5.

The 35-year-old man was in critical but stable condition at a Los Angeles hospital with [illegible]

Sex-starved farmers kill 16 members of celibacy cult!

A mob of sex-starved farmers were so angry because their wives refused to go to bed with them that they went on a rampage — and slaughtered 16 people!

The eight frenzied farmers attacked members of a weird religious cult they blamed for encouraging their wives to be celibate.

In addition to the dead, 14 others were injured in the vicious attack, according to authorities in the Philippines.

"They were going to kill only the leaders of the cult, but they lost control of themselves," said General Mariano Baccay, a military spokesman who visited the scene of the massacre.

"They had been without sex for many months and they were very frustrated, very angry at being deprived for so long."

Authorities arrested Pelagio Cara, 46, the ringleader of the possee posse. He confessed that he was trying to kill the head priest of Catalina Sango, a bizarre religious cult with almost 200 members. The priest, Gervasio Sarza, was among those killed, but so were some farmers' female members.

"I regret what I have done," Cara told authorities after his arrest. "Even my life cannot pay for what I have done. My aim is among those who were killed. My heart is broken."

According to Cara, the militant cult sent missionaries into his remote village to recruit new members. A number of women from the village adopted the religion and promised to obey Sarza's dictates when it came to sex.

The farmers did not object to the cult at first, but as months passed and Sarza refused their wives permission to make love, frustration grew and grew.

"It came to a time when we just couldn't stand it anymore and told our wives they must leave the cult," Cara said. "But by that time they were devoted to Sarza and wouldn't quit.

"We begged and pleaded with them but they wouldn't give us our husbandly rights. We are moral men — we don't look outside marriage for sex. It startled them and nothing else to do but kill the man who was destroying our families."

Cara and seven other angry husbands attacked the cult's church while members were inside saying prayers for the union. The farmers blasted into the crowd of worshippers. Four children and five women were among the 16 dead.

— SUSAN SWANSON

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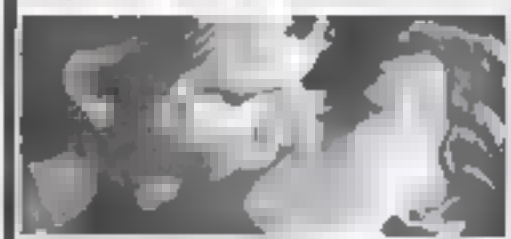

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Supersensitive dwarf Rinaldo Zagarella was so touchy about being a mere 3 feet, 6 inches tall that he killed four people who foolishly made fun of his height.

"I killed them because they laughed at me," the murderous 31-year-old mite from Marcoli, Sicily, told cops. "They should not have laughed at me. I don't like to kill."

But the dwarf did kill, starting when he ran a 19-year-old pickpocket working for a traveling circus, Guiseppe Catanzaro, the show's tall, handsome strongman, made the mistake of smacking the tiny tormentor.

The proud dwarf fruitly responded to rage at the muscular tormentor telling his bicycle, Rinaldo bought a pistol and challenged gigantic Guiseppe to a duel. The unusual struggle pulled a knife and was astounded when Rinaldo drew up with the pistol. The strongman's surprise was short-lived as the dwarf pumped three bullets into him, killing him.

Rinaldo spent seven years in the slammer for the killing. When he got out, he returned to his hometown, opened an auto repair shop and a romantic gal and fathered a daughter. But his sensitive ego was about to get him in trouble again.

When the owner of the local tobacco shop refused to make good on his auto repair bill, Rinaldo went to the shop to collect, accompanied by his helper, 19-year-old Guiseppe La Spina. The shop owner's wife Leonarda Lacciarello, 38, and her sister Rosaria Mariano, 40, were there.

When they saw the dwarf demanding his money, they burst into laughter.

"Come back later, short stuff," one of the women reportedly cried.

Furious, Rinaldo reached into his back pocket, pulled out his pistol and began firing. Mrs. Lacciarello was wounded and her sister was killed.

Rinaldo escaped with his helper on the teen's motor-scooter. For three days, hundreds of police and troops hunted the pair.

Then they found the body of a 34-year-old farmer. He had been shotgunned to death and his wallet taken while he worked in his vineyard.

The next day, Rinaldo turned himself in to police.

"I'm hungry and tired of killing people," said the pint-sized fugitive.

He confessed to killing the woman in the tobacco shop, the farmer and another victim the police did not yet know about. The next day, police found the body of Rinaldo's helper. The back of the teen's head had been blown off by a shotgun blast.

The real tragedy was for the dwarf's family.

"He was a good man when I met him," said his wife Maria. "I knew what he had done but that was in the past. He was always good to me and the baby. And he never said anything nasty about anyone."

— KATE KILMORE

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Mind-reading [redacted] get a date

By ALEX JACKSON

Sexy Sonja Rizzo is a black-haired beauty who looks great in a teeny weeny bikini, but she gives guys the creeps because she can read their minds.

"I've tried and tried to get a date but I can't," said the brainy, 20-year-old secretary. "I make men uncomfortable. They're afraid to even think anything, let alone say anything. My power is a curse."

Sultry Sonja was first aware of her amazing power in grade school. She made straight A's because of it. "The teachers would ask a question and I always knew the answer because they were thinking it," said Sonja, who works for a law firm in Miami Beach.

"My extraordinary gift has helped me become a great secretary, but a lousy date," she said.

Her incredible ESP only works if she is face-to-face with someone. "A newspaper wanted me to predict the next day's headlines, but I couldn't do it. Neither could I predict the outcome of a horse race. My gift's trying to learn one person so he can cash in his extrasensual ability."

But Sonja is more interested in finding the right man so she can settle down and get married.

"I can read men's minds like a book. They get so frustrated when I know what they're thinking. They just don't like women boring into their minds."

A handsome member of the law firm took her out for an after-work cocktail — and quickly realized his mistake.

"He was really charming until I was in his car and then he just wanted to take me to bed," she said.

"I threw a drink in his face and walked out. He just sat there, stunned."

Sonja would like men to consider her as mysteriously feminine instead of a mystical female. "I've considered keeping my mind reading to myself, but that's easier said than done.

His latest study is to keep she said. I wish God would take it away from me.

Her creepy 'curse' [redacted] off!

GREAT BALLS OF WIRE!

Wire tycoon Lyle Lynch [illegible] claims to have the world's largest ball of barbed wire. And with his pride and joy weighing in at a whopping 5,300 pounds he's vowed to dispute the claim. The ball — which Lynch has named "Diana" — contains 11 miles of barbed wire and measures nearly 20 feet around. The Phoenix, Ariz., mini-tycoon [illegible] gigantic trophy at his home and says he started the project in order to leave something to the world.

Tidy burglar begs judge to let him off easy

A proud con tried to persuade a judge to give him a light sentence because he had been so neat and considerate while he was burglarizing their home.

According to the Bridgeport (Ohio) Daily News, the crook said, "I didn't hurt nothing because I knew one thing. I always made sure they were not when I went in. And I even made sure I locked all the doors when I left."

I was pretty neat, huh?"

The explanation fell on deaf ears, said the judge, and the burglar got a stiff sentence for his crimes. From the stunned judge.

Cheating wife dumps hubby to run away with [redacted] 18-year-old son!

By SUSAN JIMISON

Miffed mechanic Ralph Richardson's second marriage went up in flames after he watched a friend's wedding video — and saw his cheating wife cuddling in a recliner with his own 18-year-old son!

The 40-year-old mag spotted his second wife Joanne, 37, in a steamy clinch with the son [illegible] during the dreadful day [illegible] they [illegible] having a passionate affair for weeks.

Joanne left Ralph and moved in with Richard, now part Major of Bedford, Ohio.

Fiery prediction comes true when crystal ball sparks blaze

An astrologer predicted there would be a fire in her boutique and six months later it happened — when the sun shining through a crystal ball set the place ablaze.

"It was one of those spooky things that happened," said Geri Giannandrea. "The sun's rays beaming on the crystal ball ignited a nearby scarf."

If not for the alert firemen in Nyanza, Mass., Geri said, her little world would have been destroyed. Damage was limited to the crystal ball and scarf.

"The astrology charts revealed that there would be a fire in my store," she told The NEWS. "I interpreted my fire as a personal, unplugged electrical candle at night and even emptied the ashtrays out back when we closed the store.

"Who could have ever thought that a crystal ball would have started a fire?" she added.

Fire Chief Richard Farrington said the crystal ball was sitting in the store's front window, atop the cotton scarf.

When the sun's rays hit it, the crystal ball acted like a magnifying glass and ignited the scarf.

"A passerby called and said she saw a ball of flame in the window," said Chief Farrington.

"The flames frosted fast."

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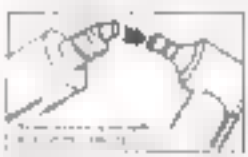

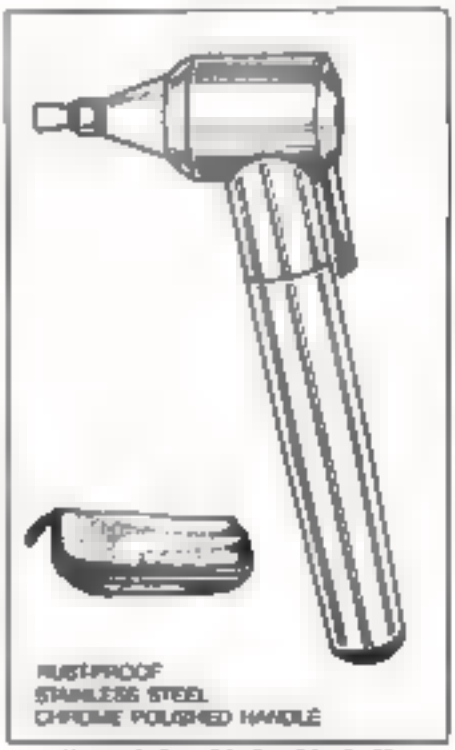

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Teen tossed in slammer for rape fib

Teenager Sara-Jane Hamilton was sentenced to three years in prison — for falsely accusing her former boyfriend of rape.

The 16-year-old Stamford, England, woman admitted she lied when she filed a rape complaint against ex-beau Tommy Chapman, 20.

Sara-Jane said she invented the attack after she'd spent the night with another man and her mother had reported her missing. Chapman spent two weeks in jail before the lie was discovered.

Horse saved from a stinking death!

The smell was so foul it curled the hair in their nostrils, but rescuers finally pulled a horse out of a stinking septic tank.

It took four firemen, a backhoe operator and other volunteers two hours to rescue the 11-year-old Arabian steed in Castro Valley, Calif.

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Sleepwalker makes a splash during his dream cruise!

By DUFFY STEVENS

A cruise in the Mediterranean ended after three days for Marcel Jubert. He had a nightmare that the ship was sinking — and jumped overboard in his sleep!

He jumps overboard in the middle of a nightmare about the ship sinking!

"I woke up when I hit the water, but my head was a little fuzzy," said Marcel, 28. "Then I saw the ship. It wasn't sinking at all. It was sailing away."

He screamed frantically for help but no one heard him. Marcel, an accountant who lives in Marseilles, France, watched helplessly as the ship vanished into the night.

After bobbing in the sea for about 15 minutes, he swam to a buoy about 100 yards away. Marcel was waving his pajama top and screaming at the top of his lungs an hour later when he was pulled aboard a West German fishing trawler.

Marcel's nightmare began on the third day of a seven-day cruise from Cartagena to Barcelona, Spain. The ship was two miles offshore when he retired for the night after a couple of beers and a light dinner.

"I had this dream. It was so vivid, so clear I could have sworn it was the real thing," he said.

"I heard the crew running and shouting, 'We're sinking! We're sinking! Man the lifeboats!'"

Marcel crashed out of bed in his sleep, slipped a pantknife in the cabin and leaped overboard. "I know it sounds stupid but that's what happened," he told the trawler captain.

"I too sure I was going to die out there because I'm not a very good swimmer," he said. "Thank God that buoy was there."

The trawler captain suspected he might have a stowaway, but pajama-wearing did on his hands after hearing Marcel's incredible tale.

He alerted police at Barcelona and put Marcel ashore. Within an hour, cops rushed the cruiser liner captain who verified that Marcel was missing.

Marcel explained his sleepwalking as a child. "I woke up one night when I was 8 years old," he said. "I was standing in the front yard with a hose in my hand, watering the lawn.

"There were other dreams, other nightmares and other sleepwalking episodes, but nothing to compare with this," Marcel continued.

"It was my first cruise and like many other people, you think about the ship sinking and I guess that just preyed on my mind just as I was falling asleep."

Two-year-old gets bionic arm

Two-year-old Toni Clark is really attached to her best birthday present — a brand new bionic arm!

The adorable Whitehaven, Tenn. girl is learning how to use the plastic-covered limb, plow up blocks and dance long toes with her battery-powered left arm.

"We were sure that the surgery she started off with was the better all she would be," said the bionic toddler's dad, Steve Clark.

"We figured she'd have an easier time getting used to it."

Steve said he and his wife Sandie waited their daughter — who was born with an left arm below the elbow — to have a lightweight prosthetic arm that functioned more conventional artificial limbs, but they could put none their fingers and they were heavy.

Finally, doctors in Memphis Easter Seal Hospitals in Houston agreed to fit the Toni for an electric arm that responds to muscle movements in the upper arm to open and close like a normal limb.

Toni is delighted with her new arm and limb. After three weeks of training at the Houston hospital, she can use it expertly by picking up objects as small as a pretzel and is helping at her Mini Pippy doll.

"We are fortunate that Toni

Gal's terror after plastic surgery . . .

I thought my breast was going to explode, says horrified mom

Blonde mom Margaret Lee watched in horror as her left breast swelled and swelled and swelled until the terrified woman thought it was going to pop like a balloon.

By SUSAN JAMISON

The astounding incident happened as the Westgate, England, woman sat in the office of her plastic surgeon after an operation to reposition breast implants.

"I had to wait two hours to see the doctor," she told the court in her suit against the doctor. "My left breast was increasing in size by inches as much as hours. I was terrified it was going to burst."

All in all, the woman said she underwent six operations on her breasts beginning in 1967 to relieve soreness that she suffered after previous surgeries. Today she claims her breasts are scarred and as small as they were originally.

"I always thought the doctors would put things right in the end," she said sadly, "but they never did."

She did not sue for negligence instead she filed an unsuccessful suit that claimed her doctor failed to warn her of the possible consequences of the 1968 operation he performed.

The butcher of Lee's 31-year saga of agony and operations began when her breasts became swollen at one of her implants failed following an enlargement surgery in 1967.

Another operation to correct the problem turned both breasts as hard as dumbbells. Then her right breast started swelling and Mrs. Lee feared her implant was falling out. Within weeks of the second [illegible] Mrs. Lee's breasts had turned "hard and hot" and the muscles were rotting.

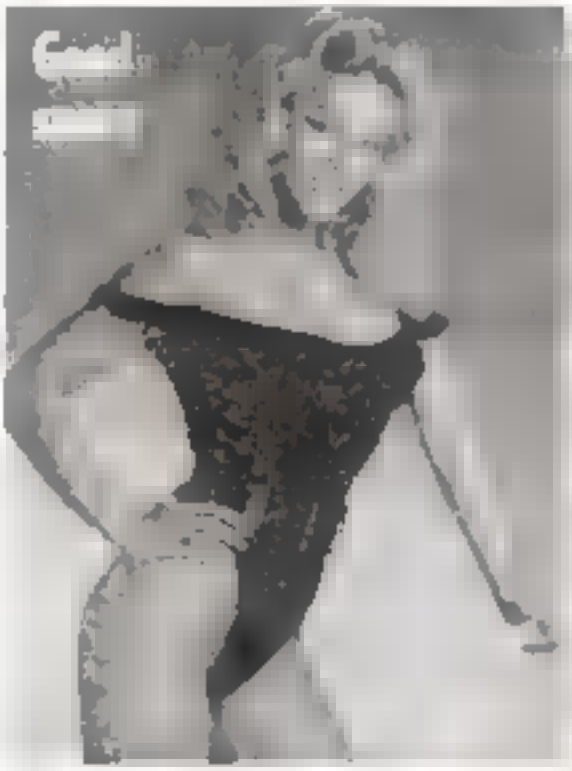
Her breasts were still small, only now they were covered with unsightly scars.

In 1982, Mrs. Lee mustered the courage to have another operation — and wound up worse off.

A doctor who said he'd replace her breast implants left her with lopsided breasts again, only this time it was the left breast that swelled up following surgery.

Today — 13 years after her first surgery — poor Margaret Lee is flat chested and disheartened.

She's totally given up the hope of having a busty figure and has sworn off plastic surgery forever!



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Seasick man spits his dentures overboard — & finds them in a fish 6 months later!

By JOE BERGER

Seasick sailor Alain Vigneron got so violently ill on a fishing trip he spewed his false teeth into the churning ocean. But astonished Alain found his lost choppers six months later — inside a cod he'd just caught!

"It's incredible. This has got to be a million-to-one shot — probably a billion-to-one," the flabbergasted Frenchman said to reporters in Braintree, England, where he works as a butler.

"I never thought I'd see those teeth again. And then to find them like that — well, it's just unbelievable."

Keeping Alain's tooths company when he and three buddies set out on a fishing trip last summer a rough blow up and the seasick sailor lost his dentures overboard.

"It was terribly embarrassing at the time, but everyone was thought it was hilarious," he said. "Of course, they weren't the ones who had to run around toothless while a new set was being made."

They say recent weeks the upset happened was fishing near the spot where he'd first lost Alain, 44, had unchucked his choppers. "Everyone was joking that we might catch my teeth, but it was only a joke," he recalled.

The jokster turned to shock, though, when Alain carved to a haul-pound cod, cut it open — and spotted his distinguished dentures inside.

"I nearly fell overboard with surprise," said the dumbfounded fisherman.

"I showed them to my friends and we all stood around with our mouths open, thinking what a coincidence it was that I'd catch the fish that swallowed my own teeth."

Amazed Alain thinks the gobblers will never help him eat apples again, but he's keeping them.

"They're the best fishing trophy any man could ever have," he said.

Barefoot farmer, 84, hasn't worn shoes since he was ■ baby!

Rip-roarin' oldster John Akers has spent more than three-quarters of a century plowing fields, pitching gravel, chopping timber and stalking the woods for game — and he's done it all barefooted!

By LAUREL GOWEN

Keeping John, 84, hasn't worn shoes since he was a baby — and he's convinced being barefoot and fancy-free has kept him as well as a fiddle.

"If everybody'd just throw their shoes away, then everybody'd be as healthy as I am," the feisty farmer told reporters in Dougherty, Okla.

"I haven't been sick in years, mostly because my feet never hurt. When your feet hurt, you start feeling all ill."

"But if you go barefooted you don't ever have to worry

Teen fined for hitting woman with a sandwich!

A teenager was ordered to pay $560 in fines and other costs for hitting a woman with a fish sandwich.

Wattie Summerscales flung the sandwich during a car window and hit Carol Mitchell in the eye as she walked along a sidewalk in Dangles, England.

Mrs. Mitchell, 38, suffered a broken blood vessel and had to wear an eye patch for three months. "I was in extreme pain. It tore my pride," she said.

Summerscales was fined $160 and ordered to pay $560 compensation in court. "It's the most expensive fish and chips I've had," he said.

4-year-old seduced ME, says man, 26

Accused sex attacker Andrew Evans walked out of court a free man after a judge ruled he had been seduced by the victim — a 4-year-old girl!

— so judge lets accused sex offender go!

"I don't think it is right to treat you as if you were fully responsible," declared Judge Richard Hutchinson.

Evans, 26, of Grantham, England, was placed on probation for 12 months after being found guilty of gross indecency.

Evans said he was dozing on a couch when the tot jumped on top of him and sucked his penis.

"To blame a 4-year-old girl for being attacked by a 26-year-old man is totally outrageous," said prosecutor Stephen Chevriah.

"The man should have been given prison time.

"There was no rape but he committed grossly indecent assault with his responsibility," said Chevriah. "He had no business [redacted] that no matter how much the victim was to him."

The court heard reluctantly that the little girl was allowed to watch porno movies with other children in the house. She also had been molested by at least one other person and caught VD from one sexual romp.

"Her home life was extremely bizarre, to say the least," said the prosecutor, Miriam Churchill.

Defense lawyer Timothy Spencer said the youngster was well versed in sexual knowledge, well in advance of her years.

Authorities have taken the little girl from her mother, who has not been charged with anything.

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Customer burned by flaming drink gets $1.25M

A jury has awarded $1.25 million to horribly burned Clinton McCarthy, who was burned ten years ago by a flaming cocktail.

McCarthy, 38, suffered burns over 30 percent of his body when the flame from a drink called a Russian Roulette ignited a table of flames 15 feet high at an Oakland Park, Fla., lounge.

The badly scarred family man, who suffer can't tolerate the sun anymore, because of severe burns to his hands, arms, chest and ear.

But owner Jimmy Pilchard let he knew it was a Russian Roulette, a combination of vodka, Galliano, lemon, sugar and 151 proof rum. And he doesn't mark Bacardi 151 rum anymore.

McCarthy has also received a $350,000 out-of-court settlement from Seagrams Co. Ltd., which sold the rum.

Stinking crook!

A burglar trying to escape from the Thrasher, Canada, police jumped over a fence and landed up a skunk. Cops had no trouble tracking him down.

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Dear Countess Sabah: This great looking guy wants to marry me, but the only trouble is he just got out of jail after serving 15 years for murdering his last wife. He said it was an accident, that he was cleaning a gun when she got in the way.

I'd believe him, except that she was shot seven times.

I know this guy has a terrible temper, but he's a lot of fun to be around and he's a great dancer.

What do you think, Countess, should I marry this guy? I don't want to end up like his other wife, but I do love the guy. Do my stars say this will be a happy marriage? I was born 8/7/58. — Concerned in Connecticut.

Dear Concerned: There are dark planets in your house of Venus which I don't like the looks of. Pass on this gentleman. There's a dark-eyed Cancer in your future and he is the better choice.

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Dear Countess Sabah: I was born 3/15/36 After 20 years of marriage and four children, my husband left me for a much younger woman.

It'll admit we did have our ups and downs, but through it all I still love him.

Now he has lost his job, and has asked me if they — my ex, his new wife and baby — can move in with me until he gets another job.

I am really torn up knowing what to do. Can you help me? What does the future hold for me? — L.A. in California.

Dear L.A.: This is indeed a sensitive situation. Knowing your ex-husband's character, I'm afraid he will take advantage of your generosity. Don't let him move in with you. Instead, help him financially so he can get back on his feet.

Colonial developments also predict that you'll soon make a complete break with someone obviously your ex-husband.

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Dear Countess Sabah: I was born 6/24/36.

In July of 1990, I bought a two-year-old car to start my own taxi business.

What else C do to be more successful? — P.B. in St. Kitts, West Indies.

Dear P.B.: Your financial outlook for the year looks good.

May I suggest that a catchy name painted on the side of your cab would attract the tourist trade you want.

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Dear Countess Sabah: I was born 3/18/36 in Cimarron County, Oklahoma. I treasure most every chance I get. Can you tell me what my chances are of finding anything?

How big love would satisfy me just most — C.H. in Oklahoma.

Dear C.H.: While reading your letter the dominant color that flashed across my mind was

I have no other information about the intricacies of your ch/ficial, seemingly objectionable situation. However with the very pulsating your sign you should be able to compromise, and come to a workable solution.

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Dear Countess Sabah: I am writing to you because in the present time my life doesn't have much happiness or pleasure to it. I do not feel that I have much to share for the time I have evolved, at the advent of misery I have made.

I was born 7/26/37, and I'm proud to be a Leo. However, I am not very proud of a husband and father. If you have any advice for me, please let me hear from you. — J.W. in Georgia.

Dear J.W.: You can place the blame for some of your present feelings on an erratic movement of planets in Leo's corner. This disturbance will subside when the sun enters your sign in February.

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Dear Countess Sabah: My birth date is 12/22/14. Over the years I have been told that due to my birth date, I will never have any luck or good fortune.

I have come to believe this, so I don't have much luck or success in anything.

Is this true? What is my future for the next year? — Depressed in Clintonia.

Dear Depressed: Don't be discouraged by those cold planet predictions which unceremoniously surface because your birth date falls on the line between Sagittarius and Scorpio, you have a complex personality.

You can expect to be happy all of the time, but according to my calculations, you have excellent opportunities for gain.

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Dear Countess Sabah: I was born on July 8, 1936. My boyfriend wants me to pose nude for him while he paints me pictures. They will belong to a local art club. Should I do this? — Lib in Houston.

Dear Lib: Your birth date may be illegal, possibly void the contract.

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GIANT HOROSCOPE

By Countess Sophia Sabah

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Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You have a financial advantage this week which brings successful results in business dealings. Be sure to read the fine print carefully, and proceed with caution.

Avoid asserting your Aries personality in dealing with loved ones. Let someone else have the last word for a change.

Try to remember that there's a lot more to style than buying the latest fashion. Your shopping sprees and ever-flowing credit are a bit much. It's long past time to take inventory.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

With the movement of your ruling planet — Venus — orbiting closer early this year, your social life should be on the upswing.

Begin preparations for a project of artistic by upgrading your wardrobe.

Although both sexes under this sign need to spruce up, it is the male Taurus who should pay attention to the small details of good grooming and wear brighter colors.

In matters of chance and sports, that should mean the number 5.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

A burden that has been distracting both emotionally and financially will be lifted from your shoulders.

As an air sign, you like to keep on the move, and this week the opportunity for travel exists. Be ready to pack up a moment's notice.

Single Geminis may find the relationship they thought would last "for life" is over.

Don't despair, as another is waiting in the wings to heal your broken heart.

CANCER

June 21-July 22

Relatives plague you with surprise visits. It will take diplomacy on your part to avoid arguments, but later you'll be glad that you did.

You've booked for a new project to occupy your spare time. Hobby shops and hobbies yields are a good source of free pamphlets which suggest ideas. However, originality could lead to another source of income.

A garage sale yields a real find, so start checking the papers for times and places.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

Keep your wits about you when making cash transactions, especially where appreciated for charitable contributions. Verify the identification of the persons soliciting the funds.

Both single and married Leos find that their love relationships deepen during this period. Try to work out your schedules so that you can spend as much time together as possible.

Reading a bouquet of flowers to a friend is a good idea.

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

A new acquaintance, most likely a Libra or Capricorn, will ask you for a date.

It may not lead to the romance you are seeking, but could provide a pleasant interlude.

Female Virgos — Now is your color just now, so shop for a new outfit, or highlight what you have with interesting accessories.

It's not too early to begin planning that summer vacation. You've had a secret desire to visit an exotic resort, so indulge yourself.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Your request for help from high-ranking may be refused. Don't despair! This week your judgment is right on target, so use your own counsel in overcoming difficulties.

Negative comments about you may deal a blow to your self-image. Try to use the criticism constructively, because aware of body image and the importance of the proper attire for the occasion.

A friendship that you have considered casual will take on new meaning.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Many events that take place this week could be considered letting the cat out of the bag. Don't let it throw you.

You have been neglecting the love of your life because of too much involvement with outside activities. It's time to take a breather, and spend your energies on the home front.

An elderly person plays a significant role during this period. Listen carefully to and heed their well-intentioned advice.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

The movement of the planets favors single Sagittarians this week. Time to get out and about socially, as romance is on the upswing. Booking new people in new places under new circumstances could clear the way for an exciting love interest.

Display a sense of responsibility in your work situation, as an increase in salary is imminent for those who qualify.

Parents have problems with personal property and may need your help, but are reluctant to ask for it.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 23-Jan. 19

It's time to show independence and originality, along with a willingness to cooperate with co-workers. A real territorial situation exists, but with diplomacy you can maintain your balance.

A new approach may be required to deal with a continuing and disturbing situation with an in-law. Consult persons in the know for ideas and advice on how to handle the problem.

The lunar position highlights an auspicious time for romance.

If your birthday is this week . . .

It's going to be "happy trails" for you this year. Travel will be a definite plus and open up new career opportunities as well as allow you a chance for much-needed relaxation.

Personal relationships will blossom, but you'll have to keep on guard. Backstabbers at the work place will try to use you for a target. Keep alert and avoid confrontations.

A stranger wearing a gold chain with the letter "L" hanging from it will bring you good tidings.

A leather belt will be lucky for you and help you out of a tight jam. Romance is yours in the later months.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You'll have a confrontation with one whose ideas clash with yours. Try to keep an open mind, and listen to the other side of the issue. A hasty decision made in anger could lead to grave consequences.

You've been working hard, hard hours and have earned the right to time to yourself. This is also the time to be responsive to family needs.

Single and divorced Aquarians find that this period could mean marriage plans.

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Your love of gourmet dishes catches up with you and causes digestive problems. Staying with a light diet this week, avoiding rich desserts and sweet snacks may remedy the trouble.

Problems with an ex-spouse that you thought were settled, surface once again. Keep your cool. Under no circumstances allow children to be used as pawns.

A pleasant evening spent with friends and neighbors rumor about under surprising circumstances.

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Mr. Catastrophe!

He's had 55 accidents in just seven years!

By CHARLES TULLY

A shopkeeper nicknamed Mr. Catastrophe has been victimized by 55 separate accidents in the past seven years — and not one of the disasters was his fault.

Jean Martins, a shopkeeper who lives near La Paz, France, said his incredible run of bad luck began on a stormy April day in 1981.

"Before that I was a normal guy," he said.

The trouble started when Martins' car stalled in a downpour along the banks of the Loire River.

"As I got out of my car I saw two people stranded on a tiny island in the middle of the river, which was rising very quickly," said Martins. "There was no time to waste, so I dove in and swam out to save them."

But by the time Martins reached the island, the pair had managed to swim to the far side of the river. The exhausted heroes swam back to shore — only to discover that their car had been stolen.

I was speechless," he said. "It was the worst thing that had ever happened to me but nothing back up a pile of mud and rocks.

Since then it has been one catastrophe after another. Among them:

● One evening shortly after he left work at the Loire River, Martins was mugged by a group of youths. He struggled to his feet and chased them, finally catching one. When Martins finally arrived home he found his house ransacked by burglars.

● Martins parked his car on a hill to unload and emerged to find it had rolled down a parking lot and smashed into a tree.

● In yet another freak accident, Martins suffered a broken leg when he was struck by a car driven by a drunken teenager.

● Between visits to the hospital, Martins drove to work on a motorcycle. It overturned on a dirt road, leaving him with a broken collarbone.

● Martins' car was stolen on three occasions and damaged by vandals on two others.

● All of the above incidents were reported to police, who said they could find no evidence of foul play.

Because of his run of misfortune, people are reluctant to be with Martins, and he says he has become a virtual recluse.

Fitness buff

Lovely Linda Lusardi says stretching exercises help her figure to shape. We just couldn't agree more!

Terrified wimp kills his bullying wife

A wimpy hubby mustered every ounce of strength in his frail body when his angry, 300-pound wife charged at him with a chair — he choked her to death!

The prosecutor called it murder, but a jury in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., believed 118-pound James Hollaman feared for his life, and convicted him of voluntary manslaughter in the death of his wife, Gladys, 33.

"She was more than twice his size and came at him with a chair," defense lawyer Donald Deedy told the jury. "He was terrified because she had beaten him up in the past."

But Hollaman, only 5-foot-6, still where managed to grab the chair and she toppled to the floor in the process, said Assistant District Attorney Sherwood Grubler.

The pint-size hubby planned just to the floor and pressed a [illegible] of the chair against her [illegible] he was afraid of her," said Deedy.

Hollaman claimed he accidentally killed his huge wife while defending himself. "She was always hitting him and [illegible]

A judge could send Hollaman, 38, to prison for 12 years, said the prosecutor.

— JACK ALEXANDER

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Unemployed dad lets train cut off his legs

. . . so he can get into a job program for the handicapped!

A desperate out-of-work dad sat down on a railroad track and let a roaring freight train cut off his legs — so he could get into a government job program for the handicapped!

The horrifying incident occurred on a stretch of train tracks outside Manipur, India, where railway workers discovered Jehan Singh, 36, lying unconscious with both legs severed above the knee.

Crewmen from the train were credited with saving Singh's life by applying tourniquets to stop the flow of blood from his gravely wounds. He was carried aboard the train and taken to a Manipur hospital in critical condition.

Railway inspector Rajesh Misra, who investigated the tragedy, said it was first thought that Singh had fallen asleep on the tracks, but an interview with Singh when he came to in the hospital revealed the shocking truth.

"He admitted to me that it was a deliberate act, that he wanted his legs to be run off," said Misra.

According to the railway inspector, Singh, a father of five, was laid off from his factory job nearly four years ago and was unable to find work.

"The family's situation became more and more desperate with time," Misra said. "Singh eventually found out jobs that barred could get work for more than a day or two. Eventually the family wound up living in a shack. Singh's two oldest sons were arrested for stealing. His wife and youngest children begged for money on the streets."

Misra said Singh knew the government helped handicapped people by providing them with job training, guaranteed work and housing.

"Singh tried to mask and that program by pretending to be retarded, but he was found out and rejected," Misra said. "A few weeks later he decided his only hope was to really be handicapped in order to get a job."

According to Misra, the train engineer couldn't stop in time to avoid running over Singh. The engine and three cars passed over Singh before the train came to a halt.

The railway inspector said it appears Singh will get what he wanted. "The officials I spoke with assured the Singh will be fitted with artificial legs and adopted to the employment program for the handicapped as soon as he is well enough," said Misra.

— ADAM PETERS

DESPERATE! Jehan Singh lost both his legs when he sat in front of an oncoming train.

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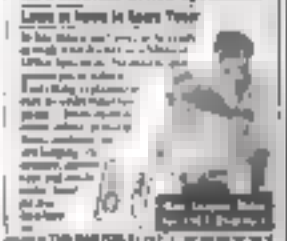

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A couple of fowl-mouthed parrots end up in slammer

Two foul-mouthed parrots were tossed into jail after they squawked obscenities at a beauty queen!

By LARRY STONE

"We're not in the habit of arresting animals but in this case we had to make an exception," Police Lt. Kerk Lambang told reporters in Pinang, Malaysia.

"Those birds had the foulest mouths you've ever heard. And they humiliated a beautiful young woman on what should have been the happiest day of her life."

The ear-scorching drama began just minutes after 22-year-old Sanja Kursk was crowned queen of Pinang's Sea Festival before an audience of more than 500.

The parrots, named Sweet Thing and Pretty Boy, were slated to pose for pictures with the beauty queen after they won an earlier contest for birds.

A beauty judge, Mohamed Jamal said: "There must have been a communication breakdown because we had no idea the birds were obscene.

"When Miss Kursk approached their perch for the picture session, they eyed her and cut loose with wolf whistles," the judge continued.

"Then they said things like: 'Like your breast. Oh baby. What's on your dress?' I couldn't believe it. The audience was stunned.

"Miss Kursk burst into tears and ran to her dressing room. It was terribly embarrassing for her," Judge Jamal said.

In the chaos that followed, the birds really began to curse. According to reports, they let go with a string of obscenities in three languages, including French and English. They didn't hush until security guards snatched them off their perches and delivered them to police.

The birds were tossed into jail on a misdemeanor charge of disturbing the peace. They were released to their owner after he posted a $500 bond.

Said Lt. Lambang: "The birds will remain free as long as their owner doesn't ask for the bond money back."

Sharp-eyed lawman makes ripples in the typing pool

Ex-con Willie Parks got himself a job as a typist at his local probation office — but didn't last half a day before being hauled back to the pokey.

Parks had just sat down at his new desk in Minneapolis, Minn., when he was spotted by his probation officer — who had drafted a warrant for Parks' arrest a couple of months earlier.

The probation officer, Jack Hughes, said Parks had failed to make restitution to a bank he'd robbed and had failed to check in.

So when he spied the crook working just 20 feet away, he summoned a cop to haul the would-be typist back to the slammer.

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A new Mayo Clinic study has revealed that smokers in their 70s can significantly reduce their risk of heart attacks and death when they kick the habit.

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The singing hog has just released her first single, a rousing rap number called *Hot to Trotter*.

And the big-city dirty is selling like hotcakes for the stubby ham.

"This record is doing better than we ever imagined it would," said Joseph Darlow, sales manager for Bold Reprove Records of Byrne, England. "D.J. has got a sound all her own. She doesn't try to copy anyone. The difference between D.J. and a lot of acts you hear today is that D.J. has a lot more class — and a much better voice.

"We think she could be a major star."

The warbling oinker got her big break when the farmhand who cleans out her sty noticed that she perked up time to the music on his radio — and then started grunting along with the sing

ny little boy," says mom whose daughter is raped and murdered

STORY OF THE BABY WHO WAS KIDNAPPED TWICE!

GRIEVING mom Toni Rhodes stands in her daughter's bedroom.

...er bedroom window was altered.

Tommy wasn't able to help ...ice identify the kidnapper, ... Toni believes her son was ...ake when little Maggie was ...an.

"It made the cutscene... ...t Maggie," and I said ...hat," and he said, "Hit ...ggie with the stick." The ...-year-old believes recalled ... the kidnapping definitely ...ok him up."

Within a matter of days po... ...e arrested a suspect and ...arged him with capital mur...

...ther, Laborer Jackie Barron Wilson, 31, has not admitted involvement in the kidnapping, but police say they have solid evidence against him. As a friend of the family babysitter, he had been in the Rhodes' home many times.

"We lifted Wilson with fingerprints on the broken window in Maggie's room," Det. Anderson, a spokesman for the Arlington Police Department, told The NEWS. "It's the first piece of physical evidence in the case.

"We believe the child was taken between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. We don't know how he did it. We feel strongly that we have arrested the right person, but there are some other things we need to check out."

'There's not going to be a next time — I'm moving!' she says

Toni Rhodes says she's glad police have arrested a suspect in her daughter's death, but she isn't going to change her mind about moving out of her neighborhood. "I live on the ground floor here and I'm scared," she told The NEWS.

TRAGIC kidnap victim Maggie Rhodes, 5, right, was raped and murdered.

MURDER suspect Jackie Barron Wilson had been in the Rhodes'

Mental patients go wild in the streets after breakout

By RAGAN DUNN

Hundreds of escaped mental patients sang from the treetops and ran wild in the streets before police, fire fighters and army troops could round them up!

"It was the damnedest thing I've ever seen," Police Major Harold Sebastian told reporters in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

"Some of these patients hadn't seen the light of day for years and at least unlocked and they all got out. There must have been a hundred of them up in the trees, singing and chirping like birds.

"Others just stood around, pretending to be famous people. But most of them screamed and yelled and ran wild in the streets. We found one man running in circles, making noises like a motorboat."

The mind-boggling drama reportedly unfolded while staffers at the state mental institution east of Colombo were on strike over a salary dispute. ...supervisor left a door unlocked. And when the patients realized they had a way out, all hell broke loose, Major Sebastian said.

"They overpowered the guards, hit the streets and started doing whatever pleased them," he continued. "There must have been 50 or 60 of them running around stark naked.

"One guy found an ax and was trying to chop down a tree with it while his buddies were up in the branches singing."

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